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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication: amendment filed on 26 August 2004, with an original filing date of 3 March 2000 and acknowledgement of continuing filing date of 5 March 1999.
2. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, 21, and 22 are independent claims.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language

5. **Claims 1-4, 7-14, 17-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Win et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 (hereinafter '353).

As to independent claim 1, **"A method of performing multiple user authentications with a single sign-on, comprising: performing a first user authentication; selecting a remote server subsequent to said first authentication"** is taught in '353 col. 5, line 65 through col. 6, line 16;

“sending a token to said remote server containing authentication information responsive to said first authentication, wherein the token also contains information regarding an account for the user including, at least one of a new account for the user and an update to an existing account for the user; and decoding said authentication information, wherein said decoding said authentication information induces a second user authentication” is shown in ‘353 col. 6, lines 58-65.

As to dependent claim 2, **“wherein said sending includes sending said token within a universal resource locator”** is disclosed in ‘353 col. 6, lines 58-65.

As to dependent claim 3, **“wherein said token includes a timestamp”** is taught in ‘353 col. 6, lines 47-53.

As to dependent claim 4, **“wherein said token is encrypted”** is shown in ‘353 col. 6, lines 58-65.

As to dependent claim 7, **“wherein the information regarding an account for the user in said token includes user profile update information”** is taught in ‘353 col. 11, lines 21-32.

As to dependent claim 8, **“wherein said remote server updates a user profile in response to said user profile update information”** taught in ‘353 col. 11, lines 21-32

As to dependent claim 9, **“wherein said first user authentication occurs within an Intranet”** is shown in ‘353 col. 4, lines 50-67.

As to dependent claim 10, **“wherein said second user authentication occurs within said remote server”** is disclosed in ‘353 col. 21, lines 8-28 and col. 17, lines 27-37

As to independent claim 11, this claim is directed to a system implementing the method of claim 1 and it is rejected along similar rationale.

As to dependent claims 12-14 and 17-20, these claims contain substantially similar subject matter as claims 2-4 and 7-10; therefore they are rejected along similar rationale

As to independent claim 21, this claim is directed to a system implementing the method of claim 1 and is rejected along similar rationale.

As to independent claim 22, this claim is directed to a machine-readable medium of the method of claim 1 and is rejected along similar rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claims 5, 6, 15 and 16**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over '353 in further view of Anderson et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,144,959 (hereinafter '959).

As to dependent claim 5, the following is not taught in '353 **“wherein the information regarding an account for the user in said token includes a new user flag”** however '959 teaches “The Win32 API includes a number of functions for performing operations with credential information. The Win32 API includes the NetUserAdd function used to create a new user on a local Windows NT workstation. The NetUserAdd function accepts a number of parameters. A first parameter specifies in which domain a user account is created. When the value of the parameter supplied by

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a program is null, the NetUserAdd function creates a user on the local workstation within the local access database 203. Another parameter includes a number of sub-parameters such as username and password, wherein the username is the name of a new user to be created and the password is a password to be assigned to the new user” in col. 7, line 62 through col. 8, line 23.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify a method of performing multiple user authentication taught in ‘752 to include a means where the system creates new user accounts. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to permit an administrator to manage user accounts see ‘959 col. 4, lines 20 et seq. “The invention includes a system for authenticating a user to multiple systems. In addition, the system authenticates to a client workstation in a manner transparent to the user, and generates a user account on the client workstation if the user account does not exist. Further, the system provides a workstation object to a directory services database, permitting a network administrator to efficiently manage client workstation accounts”.

As to dependent claim 6, “wherein said remote server creates a new user account in response to said new user flag” is shown in ‘959 col. 7, line 62 through col. 8, line 23.

As to dependent claims 15 and 16, these claims contain substantially subject matter as claims 5 and 6; therefore they are rejected along similar rationale.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen C Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3842. The examiner can normally be reached from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A Morse can be reached on (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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